

Scientific Miracles in the

OCEANS *and* ANIMALS

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Scientific Miracles in the Oceans

Modern images taken of the seas and oceans prove that the world's seas are not all the same in composition. Rather, they vary in temperature, salinity, density and oxygen content. In images taken by satellites each sea appears to be of a different color from the others. Some appear dark blue, some appear black and others appear yellow. This is due to the difference in temperature of each sea or ocean. In images taken from satellites using thermal imaging techniques, there also appears a thin white line separating one sea or ocean from another. This is what is called Barzakh (barrier).

Allah, the Exalted, says:

﴿مَرَجَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ يَلْتَقِيَانِ ۝١٩ بَيْنَهُمَا بَرْزَخٌ لَا يَبْغِيَانِ﴾

"He has let loose the two seas (the salt and freshwater) meeting together. Between them is a barrier which none of them can transgress." (Soorah Al-Rahman, 55:19-20)

Water and Life

When Allah, the Exalted, created the Earth and the heavens, and He wanted to create man on this Earth, He created for him water that is essential for man and other living creatures around him.



Allah, Most High, says:

﴿أَوَلَمْ يَرِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنَّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ كَانَتْ رَتْقًا
فَفَنَقْنَهُمَا وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَيٍّ أَفَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ﴾

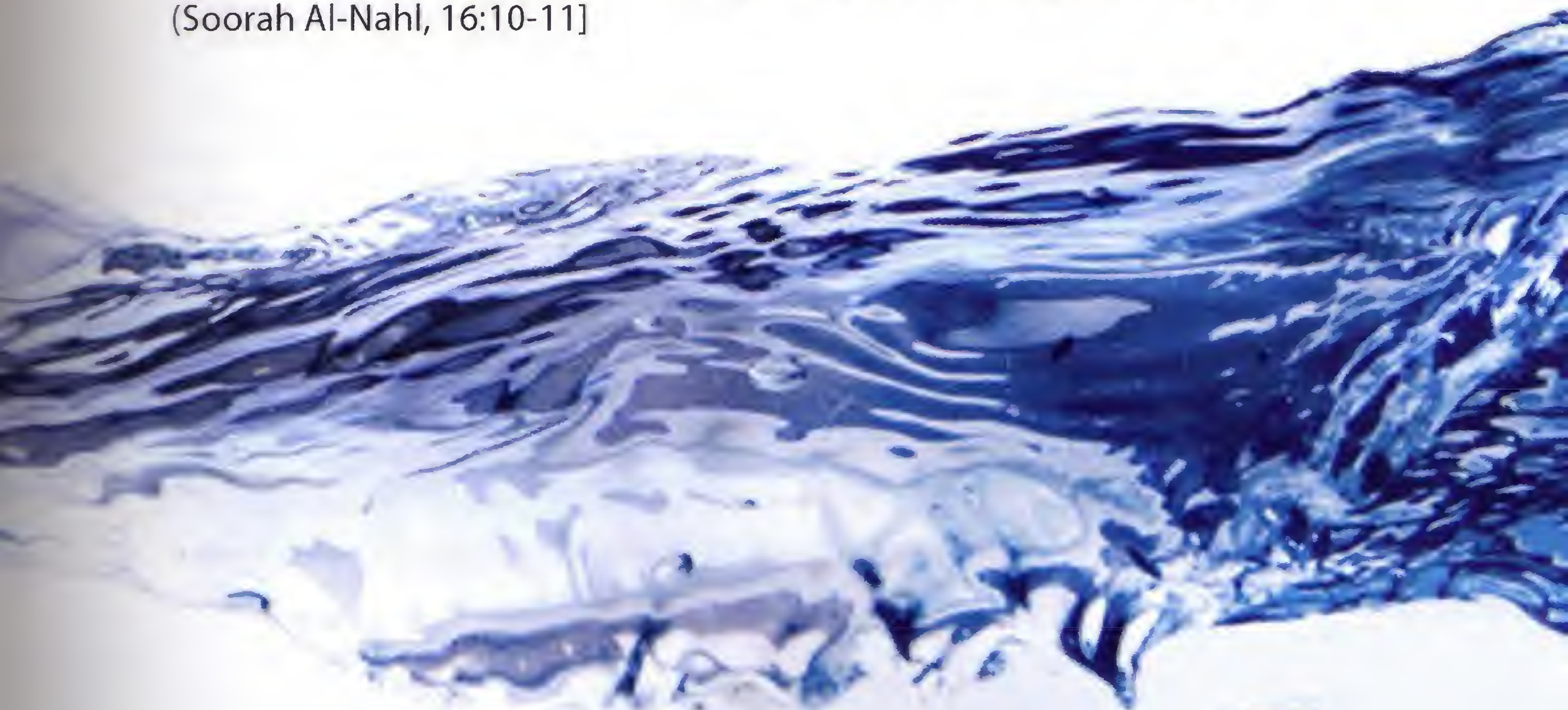
“Have not those who disbelieve known that the heavens and the Earth were joined together as one united piece, then We parted them? And We have made from water every living thing. Will they not then believe?” (Soorah Al-Anbiya’, 21:30)

Water is the substance of life, the magic elixir without which life on this planet would be impossible. Allah, the Almighty, mentions water in the Qur’an 33 times in the indefinite form (*Ma’un*), and 16 times in the definite form (*Al-Ma’*).

Allah reminds the Believers that He has sent down to them water which is essential for their lives, as He says:

﴿هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً لَكُمْ مِنْهُ شَرَابٌ وَمِنْهُ شَجَرٌ فِيهِ تُسِيمُونَ ﴿١٠﴾ يُنْبِتُ لَكُمْ بِهِ
الزَّيْتُونَ وَالزُّيْتُونَ وَالنَّخِيلَ وَالْأَعْنَابَ وَمِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ﴾

“He it is Who sends down water (rain) from the sky; from it you drink and from it (grows) the vegetation on which you send your cattle to pasture. With it He causes to grow for you the crops, the olives, the date palms, the grapes, and every kind of fruit. Verily, in this is indeed an evident proof and a manifest Sign for people who give thought.” (Soorah Al-Nahl, 16:10-11)





Sea Creatures

Scientists draw our attention to the wonderful world that swims in a drop of water, and invite us to ponder the living creatures in it, coming and going; how amazing their bodies are! Watch them as they seek their provision, attack their prey, flee from their enemies. All you can do is acknowledge that just as man has feelings, similar feelings also reside in the hearts of creatures too small to be seen.

The ocean is full of life. The number of species that exist in the seas is far greater than the number of species that exist on land.



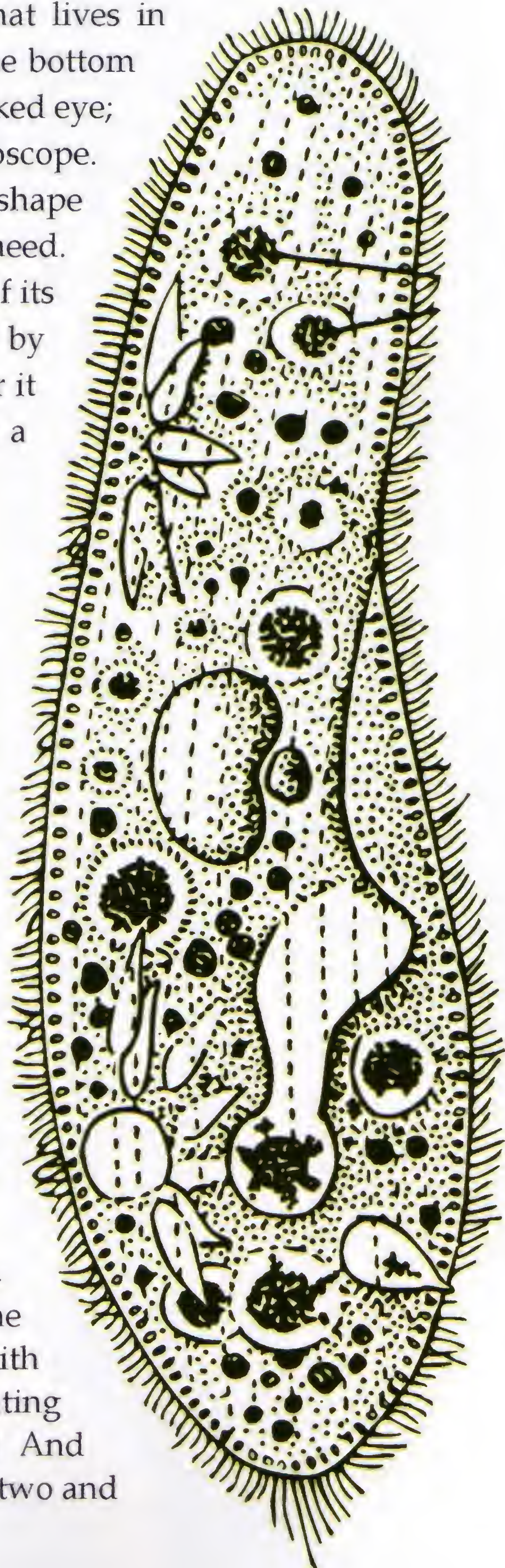
Amoeba

The amoeba is a tiny creature that lives in swamps and ponds or on rocks at the bottom of the sea. It cannot be seen by the naked eye; it is visible only with the aid of a microscope. It is an invertebrate that changes shape according to circumstances and need. When it moves, it stretches out part of its body to form something like a foot, by means of which it moves to wherever it wants to go. This extension is called a pseudopodium ("false foot").



When the amoeba finds food, it seizes it with one or two pseudopodia, excretes some digestive substances, and absorbs nutrients from it. The waste is then expelled from its body.

It breathes with its entire body, taking oxygen from the water. Imagine this creature which cannot be seen with the naked eye, living and moving, eating and breathing, expelling its waste! And when it is fully grown, it divides into two and each part forms a new creature.



Signs of Allah, the Exalted, in the animals

Allah says:

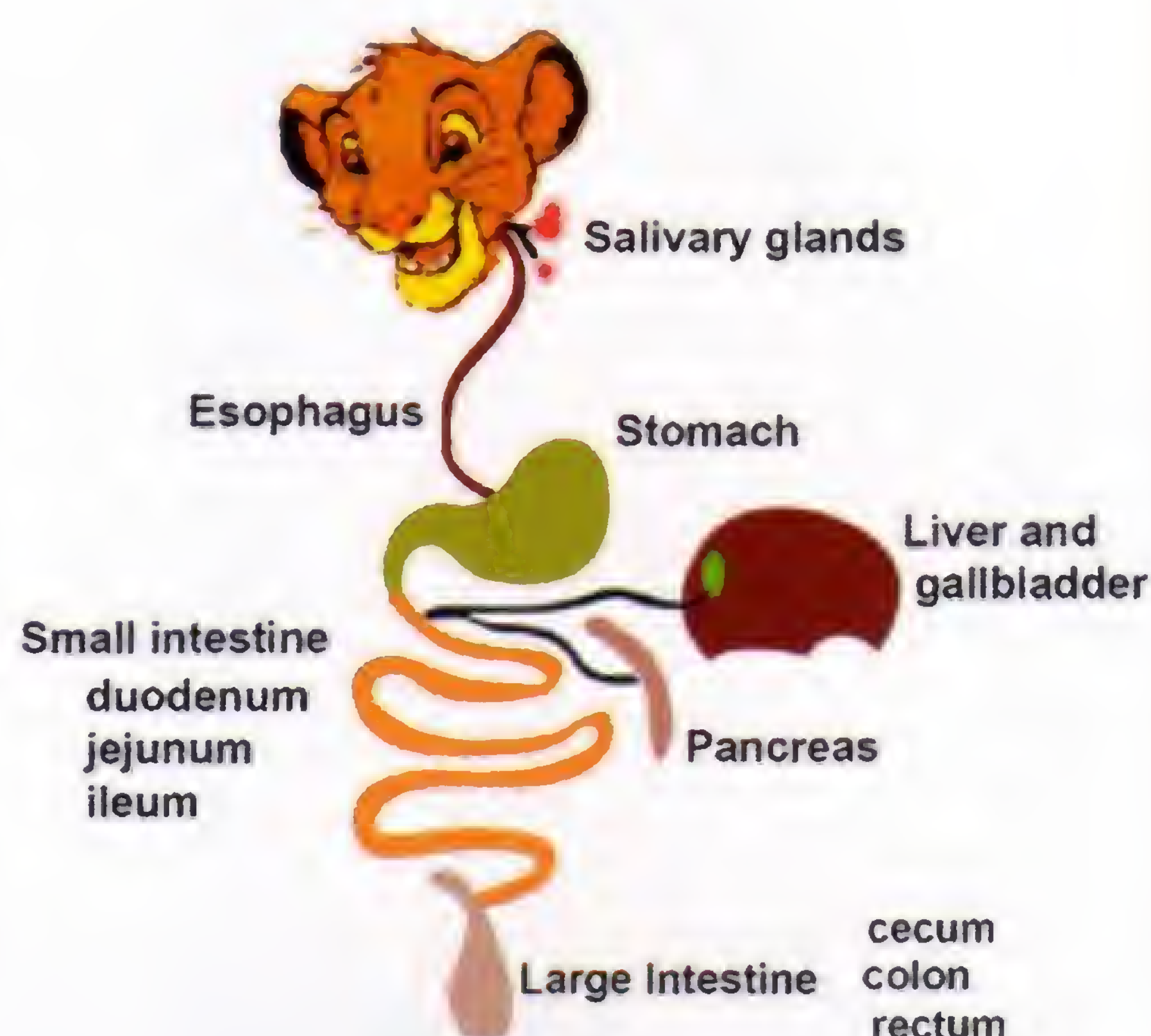
﴿وَمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا طَائِرٍ يَطِيرُ بِجَنَاحَيْهِ إِلَّا أُمَمٌ أَمْثَالُكُمْ مَا فَرَّطْنَا فِي الْكِتَابِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يُحْشَرُونَ﴾

"There is not a moving (living) creature on Earth, nor a bird that flies with its two wings, but are communities like you. We have neglected nothing in the Book, then, unto their Lord they (all) shall be gathered." (Soorah Al-An'am, 6:38)

Animals may be regarded as an open book for everyone who wants to study the wonders of life in living creatures. Scientists estimate that there are more than two million animal genera (sing. Genus) but until now only a small portion of them has been studied, but this study of this small portion has resulted in belief in the existence of Allah, Most High, Who created it and shaped in due proportion (cf. *Soorah Al-Qiyamah* 75:38).

The digestive tract of animals

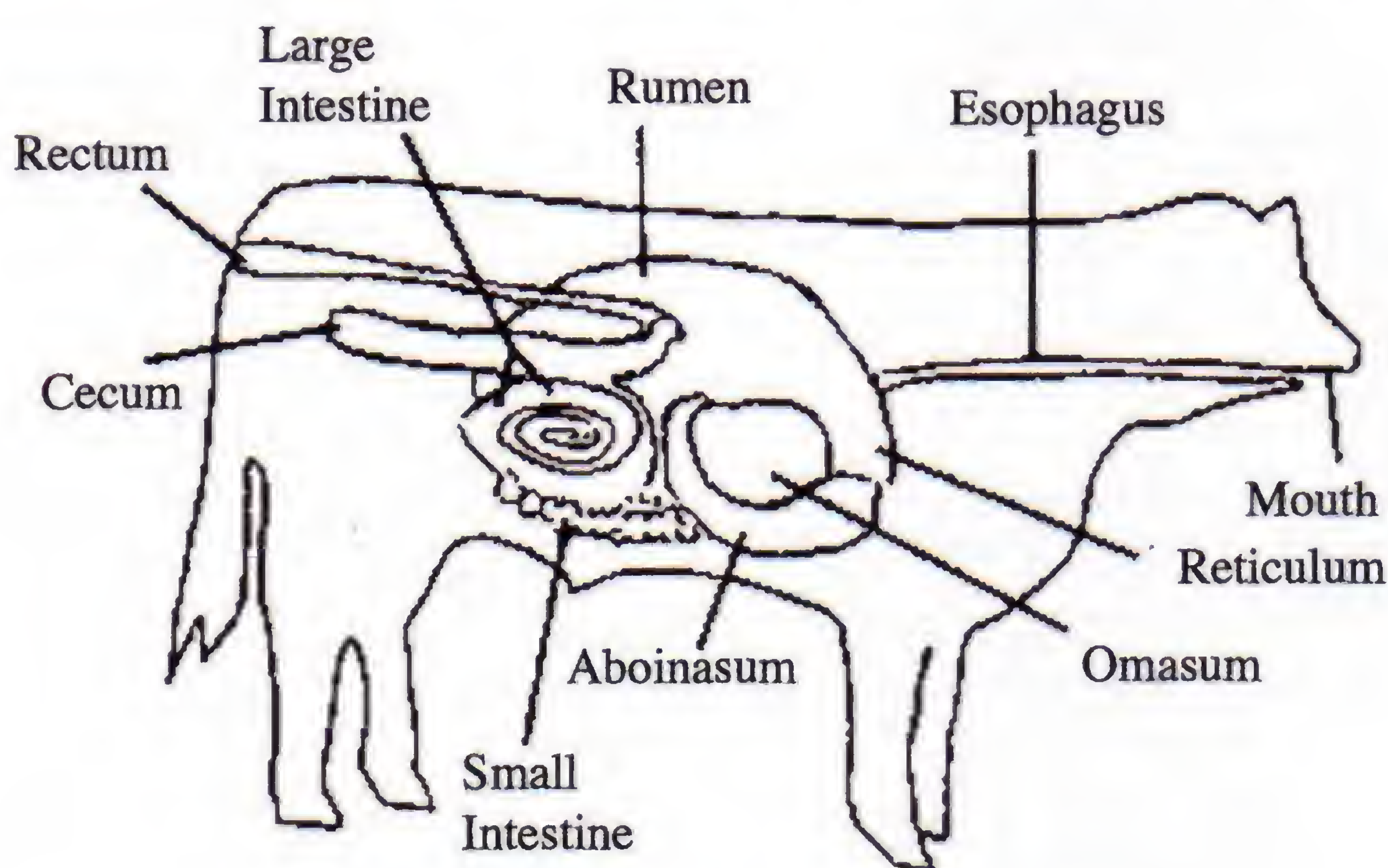
There are many places in which animals exist, and their digestive systems vary greatly to suit the environment in which an animal lives and the food that is available to it. The mouth is the first stage of the digestive process, and it has been designed in such a way that it speaks of the glory of its Creator.



Ruminants

Some animals live by grazing and are looked after by man, who provides them with a basic diet of plants and shrubs. These animals include cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats and others.

Their digestive systems have a design that is suited to their environment. Their mouths are relatively wide and do not have strong canines or molars; rather they have teeth that enable them to clip grass and plants quickly and swallow them in one go, so that they are able to provide man with the services for which they were created. By the design of Allah, the Exalted, these animals have been created with a most amazing digestive system. The food that is consumed enters the first stomach or rumen, where it is stored, then, when the animal ceases activities and lays down to rest, the food is returned via the second stomach (reticulum) to the mouth where it is chewed thoroughly, then it



DIGESTIVE SYSTEM OF THE BOVINE